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Tables showing the overall plan for the supply and distribution of building materials in East Germany during 1954, together with analyses of the planned import and export programs for the same period, appear on the following pages.

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Commodity	Unit of Measurement	East German Production		Imports	Total	Heavy industry	Light industry	Private industry	Exports	Soviet 2 requirements	Reserve
		VEB 1	Private								
Feldspar	tons	-	-	13,000	13,000	4,394	6,506	1,700	-	-	400
Mica	tons	-	-	250	250	230	-	2	-	-	18
Bauxite	thousand tons	-	-	220	220	200	-	-	-	20	-
Corundum (refined)	tons	2,000	-	-	2,000	600	-	100	1,200	-	100
Electro-corundum	tons	13,400	-	-	13,400	4,058	275	2,000	6,000	-	1,067
Cement	thousand tons	2,501	80	-	2,581	793	220	650	600	260	58
Magnesite) moulded blocks )	tons	19,000	-	2,000	21,000	18,650	300	50	-	-	2,000
Silica products	tons	69,000	-	12,500	81,000	73,000	4,000	1,400	-	-	3,100
Limestone blocks	million pieces	162	27	-	189	70	5	104	-	10	-
Fireproof products	thousand tons	213	19	-	232	171.5	19.5	30	-	1.5	9.5
Earthenware pipes and forms	tons	49,000	21,000	-	70,000	25,887	3,777	22,000	6,000	7,500	4,836
Bricks	million pieces	1,252	725	-	1,977	717	130	760	-	187	183
Burnt lime	thousand tons	1,793	210	100	2,103	1,587	96	270	-	75	75
Plate glass	thousand sq.meters	30	-	25	55	39	3	10	-	-	3
Wire-reinforced glass	thousand square meters	950	-	-	950	667	48	130	-	5	100
Safety glass	thousand sq.meters	60	-	-	60	44	-	10	-	3	3
Bullet-proof glass	thousand square meters	40	-	-	40	20	-	-	-	18	2

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Commodity	Unit	1954	± or - of 1953	Country of Origin	
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Feldspar	tons	13,000	+ 1,000	Rumania, [redacted]	
Pegmatite	tons	500	same	[redacted]	
Mica	tons	250	+ 50	USSR, [redacted]	
Ground mica	tons	100	- 50	Bulgaria	
Graphite	tons	6,000	+ 2,000	USSR, Czechoslovakia	
Rock crystal	Kg	500	?	-	
Quartz	tons	10	- 2	[redacted]	50X1-HUM
Bauxite	tons	220,000	+ 30,000	Hungary	
Steatite	tons	800	- 600	[redacted]	50X1-HUM
Talcum	tons	3,000	- 500	China, Austria	
Manganese dioxide	tons	3,000	- 500	USSR	
Manganese (crude)	tons	2,000	+ 800	[redacted]	50X1-HUM
Kaolin	tons	7,000	- 2,000	Czechoslovakia	
Quartz sand	tons	2,000	+ 1,500	[redacted]	
Fire clay	tons	6,000	+ 1,000	Czechoslovakia	
Slate clay	tons	15,000	+ 3,000	Poland	
China clay	tons	9,000	- 1,000	Czechoslovakia	
Bentonite	tons	3,000	+ 2,500	Hungary	
Fuller's earth	tons	10,000	same	Hungary	
Slate	tons	500	same	[redacted]	
Kieselguhr	tons	300	+ 190	[redacted]	Hungary
Fire clay bricks	tons	5,000	- 2,500	[redacted]	
Silicon blocks	tons	10,000	- 2,500	[redacted]	Czechoslovakia
Magnesite	tons	2,750	- 250	Austria	
Magnesite blocks	tons	250	same	[redacted]	Hungary, Austria
Safety glass	m 2	10,000			
Plate glass	m 2	25,000			

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Commodity	Unit	1952	+ or - of 1953	Country of Origin
Cement	tons	600,000	+ 85,000 <sup>3</sup>	USSR, Poland, [redacted]
Corundum (refined)	tons	1,200	same	[redacted]
Corundum (electrical)	tons	6,000	same	Czechoslovakia 50X1-HUM
Earthenware pipes	tons	6,000	+ 1,950	Czechoslovakia
Acid-proof earthenware	tons	?	?	USSR, [redacted]
Wall tiles	million pieces	120	+ 44	[redacted] 50X1-HUM
Floor tiles	million pieces	2,185	+ 1,758	[redacted] 50X1-HUM
Stove tiles	tons	22,300	+ 900	Czechoslovakia 50X1-HUM
Plaster	tons	22,300	+ 900	Czechoslovakia 50X1-HUM
Roofing felt	thousand square meters	200	- 200 <sup>4</sup>	[redacted] 50X1-HUM
Paving stones	thousand pieces	10,000	+ 3,840	[redacted] 50X1-HUM
Whitewash	tons	20,000	- 5,000	Czechoslovakia [redacted]
Fireproof clay	tons	6,000	+ 1,000	Poland
Building sand	tons	26,500	-	50X1-HUM
Clay	tons	20,000	-	
Gravel	tons	120,000	-	
Window glass	thousand square meters	?	2,500	
Kaolin	tons	40,000	- 10,000	
Graphite products	tons	1,500	+ 700	5

## Comments:

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1. VEB includes the SAG plants due to return to German ownership on 1 January 1954.
2. Soviet requirements includes distribution to the Soviet Armed Forces, the paramilitary Police Forces, and special orders placed by the East German Government for delivery to the USSR, all of which come under the heading of "Sonderbedarf".
3. This increase allows for the increase in the export target for 1953 (originally 415,000 tons and subsequently raised to 515,000 tons).
4. Allows for the drastic cut in 1953 exports owing to the demands of the home market.
5. It appears that the figures in the above tables, which have been approved by the appropriate ministries, may be regarded as final. There has evidently been a large increase in the allotments of the basic building materials to private industry, as compared with 1953, especially cement, bricks, glass, fireproof products, and earthenware pipes. This no doubt is related to the plans for enlarging the housing program.

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